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1. The Trepca lead mine and the adjacent Svecan ore processing plant are administered by the following personnel:
  - a. Shishkov, Director of entire enterprise; Russian by birth; member of the Communist Party; employed as a miner at Trepca for many years.
  - b. Krgun, Executive of enterprise; deputy to Shishkov. Montenegrin, member of the Communist Party; formerly a laborer at the mine.
  - c. Jovanovic, Engr. Director of the lead smelter.
  - d. Simiat, Chief engineer of the Svecan plant; of Italian origin.
  - e. Rajcovic, Nikola, Chief engineer of Svecan refinery; a Serb; dismissed from his post when the Partisans occupied the factory; reinstated because of his efficiency; known as anti-Communists, Rajcovic and his wife (who works in the laboratory of the refinery) are watched closely by UDB.
  - f. Stasic, Risto, Chief of Personnel at combined mine and plant; a Communist and former mine worker.
2. The plant production is as follows:
  - a. Lead: 2,400 metric tons monthly from two lead smelters.
  - b. Lead chloride: about 21,000 pounds a month as a by-product of bismuth processing.
  - c. Silver: an average of 54 sixty-pound bars a month. Silver is 99 percent pure.
  - d. Bismuth: approximately 1,200 pounds monthly is derived in crystallized form.

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3. Fifteen metric tons of alkaloid, either sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, is sent to the plant every month from Jajce for lead processing. Six tons of zinc is delivered monthly from Celje.
4. For silver processing, six additional tons of zinc is sent from Celje.
5. For bismuth processing, from sixty to ninety carboys, each containing approximately 100 pounds of chloride, are used monthly. Markings indicate that the material is shipped from the Soviet Union. Approximately one and one half metric tons of magnesium is also used each month.
6. Products are shipped to Belgrade, lead by train and silver by motor.
7. Approximately 3,000 miners are employed in the Trepca mines and 2,700- at the Svecan plant. All administrative and supervising positions are held by members of the Communist Party. Laborers are paid nine and one half dinars an hour. Work goes on in three eight hour shifts daily. Sunday labor without pay is compulsory.

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